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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, the rise in the price of firewood is not only due to lack of wagon facilities in the Andhra and Madras States but it is also due to lak of permission given to merchants to transport firewood from Chittoor district in the Andhra State to Madras through lorries. Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that the merchants are suffering on account of these handicaps? If so, will the Government of Madras make a move to the Andhra Government for removing those handicaps? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" ஆந்திர ராஜ்யத்திலிருந்து லாரிகள் மூலமாக விற தகளை சென்னை ராஜ்யத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவரக்கூடாது என்று ஆந்திர சர்க்கார் 1954-ம் வருஷத்திலிருந்து தடை விதித்திருக்கிறதா ? அப்படியிருந்தால் இந்தத் தடையை நீக்குவதற்கு நம்முடைய சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" இதுபற்றி ஆங்கிலத்தில் ஒரு அங்கத்தினர் கேட்ட கேள்விக்கு நான் பதில் சொல்லும்போது ' தகவல் இல்லை ' என்று சொன்னேன். அதைத்தான் நான் இப்பொழுது தமிழில் சொல்லவேண்டும்."

Buildings Improvement Schemes in the City.

* 1974 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer to clause (*b*) question No. 858 given on 17th May 1954 when Mohana Mudaly Garden and Vazhappoocheri Improvement Schemes will be sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The schemes are still under the consideration of the Government."

Irrigation from Cochin State.

* 1975 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased—

(*a*) to lay on the table of the House a copy of the agreement entered into by the Collector of Malabar, on behalf of the Government in the year 1913, with the Cochin State Government, regarding the release of water, by the latter, into the amsams of Panayur, Polpulli, Thenari and Elappulli in Palghat taluk, Malabar district; and to state

(*b*) whether the present Travancore-Cochin State Government used to collect water-cess from the cultivators of the said villages at a fixed rate as provided by the terms of the agreement; and

(*c*) whether the Collector of Malabar has received any complaint from the cultivators of the said villages about the non-availability of water during the current and the previous year from the Travancore-Cochin State?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) A copy [a] of the agreement is placed on the table of the House.

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" (b) The Government of the Travancore-Cochin State are collecting water-cess from the ryots in Malabar at the rate of Rs. 5 per acre according to the terms of the agreement.

" (c) Yes. A permanent solution to the problem is under consideration of a joint committee of the Public Works Department and the Revenue officials of the Madras and the Travancore-Cochin States."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" It is regrettable that the copy of agreement placed on the table of the House is not to be seen here."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It must be there."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" No, Sir. My hon. Friend Sri Gopala Menon also joined me in searching for it."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" It is not on the table."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" In view of the fact that the cultivators are experiencing great hardship, will the Government take necessary steps to expedite a permanent solution to the problem? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" It may be in-between the papers laid on the table of the House and I request the hon. Member to carefully look for it."

9 a.m. SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know how long since such complaints have been received by this Government and if so, what steps were so far taken by this Government to remedy them? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I have been receiving complaints for some time. We are now proposing to solve the problem once for all."

Tax revision in Mangalore Municipality.

* 1976 *Q.*—SRI K. ISHWARA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government appointed an officer to enquire into the revision petitions from the tax-payers of Mangalore Municipality;

(b) what steps the Government have taken on the report of the officer to redress the grievances of the rate-payers; and

(c) whether any and if so, what allegation has been made against the Revision Officer by the tax-payers; and, if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir. The attention of the member is in this connexion invited to the answer given to his previous question No. 3000 on this subject.

" (b) No report has been received by the Government from the officer appointed for the disposal of revision petitions.